POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

April 10, 2023 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Welcome/Call to Order

Visitors: None

Attendance:

Members: Mary-Elizabeth Jones, Brian Mickelson, Scott Dreas, Chris Stockman, Kathleen Coughlin - Zoom

Staff: Tom Judson, John Urquhart, Rick Echols, Jessica Anson

Board Liaisons: Jan Hagan, Jan Simms,

Current Business:
- Maci Echols has resigned from the committee.
- Scott Dreas term expires in June.

Chris Stockman called the meeting to order.

Amenity Reports:

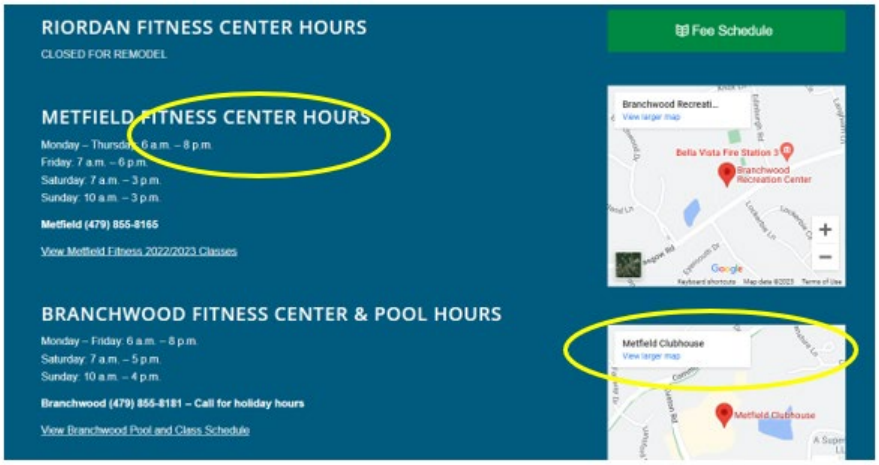
Amenity: Metfield Recreation Complex and Clubhouse
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: April 2023

Recreation Complex Overall Condition: Sunday morning, quite a few young families out, the majority were on bikes or at the bike skills area. One team playing pickleball, playground in use. This was my first visit to this park, much larger than I expected.
Areas for Review:
- There is a sign asking to please pick up after your pet, however no mutt mitts available in the immediate vicinity.

Member Interactions: None
Additional Observations:
- The nomenclature for the facilities is not consistent and is confusing if you do not know what you are looking for. I put "Metfield *Recreation* Center" into google maps, expecting to arrive at the *fitness* facility, it took me to the "*park*." I tried to google "Metfield *Fitness* Center," as I initially found it described on the POA website, nothing came back. I drove to the golf course to ask where the fitness center was located, and found it is at the golf course, but called "Metfield *Clubhouse*." I went back to the POA website and found it in a second location referred to as the *clubhouse*. The BV app refers to it as the *Clubhouse.*
- Metfield Clubhouse closes at 3:00 on Saturday and Sunday, Branchwood closes at 5:00 on Saturday and 4:00 on Sunday.
- There are two shuffleboard courts, one is very deteriorated, could be on the radar for long term repurpose of the space.

Metfield Clubhouse Overall Condition:
I was greeted the minute I opened the door to enter. Hayden was very polite, helpful, giving me all sorts of very good information since I had never been to this building before. She is doing a fantastic job and represents the POA very well!
There were only a few people there on exercise equipment. Beautiful view of the golf course from the room used for stationary bikes and classes.
Areas for Review: None
Member Interactions: None
Additional Observations:
I *googled* Metfield for hours of operation and it shows it is closed on Sundays. The POA website has the correct times.

Inconsistent Nomenclature when trying to locate the property



Amenity: **Branchwood**
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: April 2023

Overall Condition: Sunday morning, not very active, several groups playing disc golf.
Areas for Review:
- A branch fell from a dead tree, taking several branches down from the tree next to it. Tree is near hole 3, and has a sign nailed to it “Mando”
- Someone built a small wooden “bridge” to cut across the creek while playing disc golf, however, it is supported with tree branches and does not look like it will hold much weight as it “bent” as I watched a gentleman cross over it.

Member Interactions: None
Additional Observations:
- The walking path had at least 8 areas of ”washout” from the recent storm with rocks, leaves, mud, and other debris covering the walking path.
- The playground lost a good bit of mulch from the storm.
- The ladies restroom has sign over the sink describing proper handwashing technique, telling you to use the hand towel to turn of the water, however, there is only a hand dryer, no hand *towels*.

Amenity: **Loch Lomond Recreation Complex**
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: April 2023

Overall Condition:
Sunday about noon, park was very active. Both dog parks were occupied, quite a few walkers and dog walkers, a ball league arrived for practice.
Areas for Review: None
Member Interactions: Spoke to a lady walking her dog, she seemed surprised how active the park was.
Additional Observations:

- The old Astro turf batter box/home plate has been removed.
- The creek overran its bank in the storm and left mud, rock, debris, tree trunks, as far up as onto the ball field.

Washout from creek extended under the fence up onto the ball field.

Amenity: **Blowing Springs**
Committee Member: Kathleen Coughlin
Review Month/Date: April 2023

Overall Condition:
The park looked great as always, manicured, and clean. No trash to be seen. Pavilions were tidy.
Areas for Review:
I have noticed that a lot of people prop their bikes up against the building at the bathrooms back near the Gear Garden and trail. Might consider added a bike rack for people to leave their bike when using the facilities.
Member Interactions:
None, should pick up once the Gear Garden opens this month. Spoke with Susan at the front desk and she said that things have been running smoothly and no issues on her end.
Additional Observations: None

Amenity: **Tiree park**
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Year: April 2023

Overall Condition:
The lawn areas need mowing and general clean-up of naturally occurring debris. The trash receptacles were being emptied. The outhouses were stocked and relatively clean. Mutt Mitts were available. The personal watercraft storage rack is in good condition with all boats secured. Other structures are in good condition, except as noted on previous reports or as listed below:
Areas for Review:
Protective cover is still missing from the electrical outlet at the pavilion and the outlet is “live.”

Member Interactions:
There were no members or guests available from which to solicit feedback on the amenity and recreational activities at the time of evaluation.
Additional Observations:
Erosion continues to be a factor in the degradation of the shoulder of the roadway at the main culvert. There is a six-month time span between photos.

A potential roof leak on the pavilion was mentioned in the September 2022 report. The pavilion roofing has been confirmed as leaking due to the onset of the deterioration of decking materials, the presents of organic growth, and the measured moisture content of the wood decking in the stained area as compared to the surrounding decking (41% vs 18% & 14%).

Amenity: **Granton Park**
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Year: April 2023

Overall Condition:
The lawns are well groomed, and the trash receptacles are being emptied. The outhouse was stocked and relatively clean. The fish cleaning station was clean and in good condition. The personal watercraft storage rack is in good condition with all boats secured. Other structures are in good condition, except as noted on previous reports or as listed below:
Areas for Review:
Barring maintenance and upkeep items mentioned in previous reports, no additional items were noted for review.
Member Interactions:
There were no members or guests available from which to solicit feedback on the amenity and recreational activities at the time of evaluation.
Additional Observations: The culvert pipe at the service road is damaged due to excessive water flow during heavy rainfall.

Building materials were placed in such a way as to block the walkway entering the west boat docks.

Amenity: Riordan Hall & Tennis Complex
Committee Member: Scott Dreas
Review Month/Year: April 2023

Overall Condition:
Riordan Hall - currently closed for remodeling construction.
Kingsdale pool closed for the season.
Kingsdale tennis center is in good condition. There was a lot of activity the day of my visit. The tennis center has completed all its spring maintenance and the facility looks really good going into the busy summer months. The resurfacing of courts 5 & 6 has been delayed due to the backlog at the contractor and weather. Kingsdale playground equipment is in good condition. Kingsdale mini golf course holes are clean and clear of debris and the surfaces are still in good condition. Kingsdale pavilion is in good condition.

Areas for Review:

1. Basketball goal – then net on the hoop is ripped from the front of the rim and needs to be replaced.
2. There are a couple of erosion furrows on the backside of the pickleball court running down the slope from the fence down to the sidewalk, they should be filled in.
3. The railroad tie retaining wall on the west side of the mini-golf course is showing more wear and needs to be repaired/replaced.
4. Mens' toilet was leaking water.

Member Interactions:
Tennis players' feedback was very positive regarding the new scoreboards on all the tennis courts. Members commented on how much they really like that addition.

Additional Observations:
Jake mentioned his maintenance request to have 5 light bulbs replaced on various light poles. Jake also suggested that it might be a good preventative maintenance measure to just replace the light bulbs on all the courts every two years at the start of the peak playing season. This might better justify the cost of renting equipment to replace 5 or 6 lights at a time, multiple times a year.

Amenity: **Lake Ann**
Committee Member: Mary Jones
Review Month/Date: April 2023

Overall Condition: The lawns were mowed and well maintained the garbage cans were empty and the doggy bags were full.

Areas for Review:

1. Picnic/dock area far East side Lake Ann: Looks clean and well maintained. I saw the maintenance team was in the process of replacing the seat on the bench that is broken. I saw that they were starting to build the new kayak rack and it looks awesome.
2. By the dam waterfall area: Everything looked good and well maintained. It looks like the sinkhole area was tapped off again - bc it is starting to fill with water again. It looks like they may be building a trail that way.

Amenity: **London Park**
Committee Member: Mary Jones
Review Month/Date: April 2023

Overall Condition:
This park looks fantastic as always. Clean and so well taken care of. The roadway looks like it may have gotten washed out again and might need to be addressed.

Member Interaction: None
Additional Observation: None

Amenity: **BV POA Shooting Range**
Committee Member: Matt Zimmerman
Review Month/Date: April 2023

Overall Condition: I visited the gun range last weekend. The weather was a little chilly, but still not a bad day. There were members using the rifle ranges and members who were just leaving and finishing. The areas were clean and in good order as usual. I noticed more mulch had been put down for the walkway leading into the ranges. This made it nice and kept you out of the mud with all the rain we have been having. Targets were nicely stacked that were not in use. The gun range area was clean and in good order as well.
Signage around the area is in good shape. I did read a little more on the signage on the gun range and it is very clear how to use the amenity safely when setting up targets. Bathroom was clean and in good working order. I noticed that the rifle racks were new, and they looked good. Noticed the members were using them as well.
Areas for Review: I noticed while using the gun range that 2 of the square metal borders for targets had been knocked off the post that goes into the ground.
Member Interactions: I spoke to one member on the rifle range, and he said that he had been there for a while today and thought it was great to see people coming out and using the range.
Additional Observations: Nothing currently.

Amenity: **Tanyard Creek**
Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Year: April 2023

Overall Condition: The Tanyard Creek area is in great condition. Spring is blooming strong and many, many folks were enjoying the area on Saturday. I had light conversation with several members who were bringing their visitors to see the waterfall. Everything is in order and are no areas for review.
Additional Observations: The volunteer group is active putting a fresh coat of paint on the bridges.

Amenity: **Trails/Greenway**
Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Year: April 2023

Overall Condition:
The trails are in great condition overall and volunteers are actively posting pictures from their spring-cleaning work on social media. Any areas in need of maintenance above a volunteer's skills are being reported to the Trail Blazers.
Areas for Review:
None

POA Staff Reports:

Rick Echols: Lake Avalon drawdown is complete. Looking to get approval on the next draw down in the next month or two. POA Rangers 1,419 contacts during the month of March. 43 people removed and 101 contacts on the water by boat and 29.5hrs on the water patrolling compared to last year we had 1186 contacts and 33 removed and 122 by boat with 32 hours - March 2022. Boat registrations are past due - they were due April 1st. Kayak rack at Lake Ann will be finished later this week. The new batter's box is now installed. Water is on at the dog park and the hook ups to the bathrooms are complete. The bank stabilization project is now complete. The heated dock at Lake Avalon will be open soon. Summer rangers start on April 13th (2 returning from last summer and 3 new) will be ready to go the first part of May. Lake ecology department started the monitoring of the lakes for clarity and will be taking e coli samples around the beach soon. One a month samples for all lakes ongoing. Lakes and parks will have an open house this Saturday 10-2 and Lomond Park. The fly tiers will have a booth there along with the Bella Vista Animal Shelter. Spring fish sampling will start tomorrow night.

John Urquhart: Youth tournament was very well attended. Both gun ranges combined are up 25% YOY - main driver was trap and skeet. Will stay busy for the month of April. May will be extremely busy and might be a bit short staffed.

Jessica Anson: Riordan Hall roof is going on and drywall is happening. April 18th is the first member tour of the reservation. The marina opened and it had quite a facelift. End of March recreation got hit hard with wind damage. Lost a shade at the Metfield pool - working to get it replaced. Lost an anchor at the marina that is being repaired. Deck work happening at the Metfield pool. Kids summer activity sign up day is Saturday April 22nd. Mainly for swim lessons. The Easter Egg was a huge success!

Jan Hagan: Spent time on west coast at several RV parks, tiny cabins are growing, and ours are outstanding with their themes compared to what I saw.

Next Committee Meeting May 8th, 4:00 pm Boardroom and Live Stream